

HOUSE No. 654

By Mr. Goguen of Fitchburg, petition of Emile J. Goguen relative to the status of same sex marriages. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGES PERFORMED
UNDER PUBLIC AUTHORITY IN MASSACHUSETTS SINCE MAY 17, 2004.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 It is hereby declared that all same-sex marriages performed
2 under public authority in Massachusetts since May 17, 2004 are
3 without statutory basis; and no marriage performed in Massachu-
4 setts will be considered legally binding which is not established
5 by Massachusetts statute, notwithstanding licensing through the
6 Massachusetts Department of Public Health, or city or town clerk.